

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 103

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ora  
Zimmerman Knies on the celebration of her 108<sup>th</sup>  
birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Ora Zimmerman Knies celebrated her 108<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 20, 2009, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born in Oklahoma in 1901, Mrs. Knies moved with her family to Belvedere, Tennessee, in 1905; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Knies joined her beloved husband, Lawrence Casper Knies, in holy matrimony in 1927; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Knies is the proud mother of three sons: Jack Knies, L. C. Knies, and Don Knies; she is also the beloved grandmother of eleven, the great-grandmother of twenty-eight, and the great-great-grandmother of five; and

WHEREAS, after her husband died in 1975, Mrs. Knies supported her family through her hard work and dedication; she fondly remembers working as a clerk at Sullivan's Department Store, Steve's Jewelry Store, and a sewing and apparel shop; and

WHEREAS, a faithful and devout member of St. Stephen Catholic Church, Mrs. Knies is one of the original members of the parish; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Knies, known for her solid Christian belief, her service and love, and her role as a reservoir of faith, was a runner-up for the Mary Catherine Strobel Award for her charitable work with the Catholic church; and

WHEREAS, living through twenty presidential administrations from President William McKinley to President Barack Obama, she has seen a great deal of change during her life; she has experienced all of the historical events that shaped the Twentieth Century: World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the advent of television, the first lunar landing, and tremendous advancements in the fields of medicine and technology, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Hickory Gardens Assisted Living Community, Ora Knies possesses a vitality and a zest for life that is extraordinary for a person of any age; attributing her longevity to her busy schedule and faith in God, she still enjoys bowling, playing bingo, sewing, crocheting, and knitting; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ora Zimmerman Knies on the celebration of her 108<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.